**The 13th Amendment**   
  
 Declares slavery as illegal; in addition, forced servitude is also deemed to be illegal – this Amendment is regarded as the finalization of the abolishment of slavery. The 13th Amendment illustrates the distinction(s) between servitude, slavery, and consensual labor; forced labor is any type of labor that takes place through the implementation of threat(s), physically restraint of an individual with regard to the proliferation of labor, exploitative or blackmail –based activity in order to continue labor. The 13th Amendment was proposed on January 31st, 1865  
and was passed on December 6th, 1865. The 13th Amendment in addition to the 14th and 15th Amendments is categorized as one of the 3 Constitutional Amendments regarded as ‘Reconstruction Amendments; these Amendments took place within 5 years following the Civil War – they may also be referred to as ‘Civil War Amendments’